

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for facilitating an enterprise change, residing in a computer readable medium, having a plurality of instructions stored thereon, which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform operations comprising:

displaying a user interface in association with a deal selection process, the user interface including a view that includes a profile of at least one of a merger candidate and acquisition candidate;

executing, via two or more source systems represented by a single logical information system, a pre-change due diligence and post-change integration of the enterprise change, the enterprise change being at least one of a merger and acquisition, the pre-change due diligence including operations associated with pre-change due diligence on the at least one of the merger candidate and acquisition candidate, the source systems interacting with databases through base system connectors using a markup language, the base system connectors including an interface with remote function call capability; and

displaying a user interface on a computer display to conduct a merger activity, wherein the user interface displayed on the computer display includes a project management tab providing features to define a merger and acquisition project from a merger and acquisition template, the features including: creating a task force and assigning team members to the task force; generating a schedule for the task force to follow; generating project proposals to be completed by the task force; and publishing information about the task force, schedule, and project proposals to one or more stakeholders.

2. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 1 wherein the user interface is adapted to allow a stakeholder to plan and manage the merger activity, the user interface further adapted to access one or more merger resources.

3. (Currently Amended) A computer program product, residing in a computer readable medium, having a plurality of instructions stored thereon, which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform operations comprising:

displaying a user interface in association with a deal selection process, the user interface including a view that includes a profile of a merger candidate;
executing, via a single logical physically distributed information system representing one or more source systems of at least two enterprises that are being combined, one or more pre-merger activities, merger activities, and post-merger activities, the one or more pre-merger activities including one or more pre-merger activities associated with pre-merger due diligence on the merger candidate, the source systems interacting with databases through base system connectors using a markup language, the base system connectors including an interface with remote function call capability; and

displaying a user interface on a computer display to access the single logical physically distributed information system, wherein the user interface displayed on the computer display includes a project management tab providing features to define a merger and acquisition project from a merger and acquisition template, the features including:

creating a task force and assigning team members to the task force;
generating a schedule for the task force to follow;
generating project proposals to be completed by the task force; and
publishing information about the task force, schedule, and project proposals to one or more stakeholders.

4. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 3, wherein the user interface is adapted to at least one of a role of the user and a phase of the merger, wherein the user role comprises an internal expert and an external expert of one of

the enterprises, wherein the internal expert comprises at least one of an executive, an employee, a manager, an investor, and an owner of one of the enterprises, wherein the external expert comprises at least one of a consultant and an auditor.

5. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 4, wherein the role of the user further comprises a stakeholder affected with one or more merger closing consequences, wherein the one or more merger activities comprise an organizational restructuring, a personnel redeployment, a merger project management, a procurement management, a personnel retainment, and an integration of operational services.

6-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 1, wherein the markup language is extensible markup language.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 1, wherein the interface is an encapsulated postscript interface.

27. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 3, wherein the markup language is extensible markup language.

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 3, wherein the interface is an encapsulated postscript interface.

30. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for facilitating an enterprise change, residing in a computer readable medium, having a plurality of

instructions stored thereon, which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform operations comprising:

displaying a user interface in association with a deal selection process, the user interface including a view that includes a profile of at least one of a merger candidate and acquisition candidate;

executing, via two or more source systems represented by a single logical information system, a pre-change due diligence and post-change integration of the enterprise change, the enterprise change being at least one of a merger and acquisition, the pre-change due diligence including operations associated with pre-change due diligence on the at least one of the merger candidate and acquisition candidate, the source systems interacting with databases through base system connectors using a web service; and

displaying a user interface on a computer display to conduct a merger activity, wherein the user interface displayed on the computer display includes a project management tab providing features to define a merger and acquisition project from a merger and acquisition template, the features including: creating a task force and assigning team members to the task force; generating a schedule for the task force to follow; generating project proposals to be completed by the task force; and publishing information about the task force, schedule, and project proposals to one or more stakeholders.

31. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 30, wherein the web service includes simple object access protocol.

32. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 30, wherein the merger and acquisition template interacts with metadata.

33. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 32, wherein the metadata is included in at least one of a database and a repository in a persistence/repository layer.

34. (New) The computer program product of claim 1, wherein the operations further comprise a process for a rollback in event that the at least one of a merger and acquisition fails.

35. (New) The computer program product of claim 3, wherein the operations further comprise a process for a rollback in event that the merger fails.

36. (New) The computer program product of claim 30, wherein the operations further comprise a process for a rollback in event that the at least one of a merger and acquisition fails.